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INDIAN SCHOOL MUSCAT SECOND PERIODIC ASSESSMENT

ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

CLASS: X

SUBJECT CODE -184

Time Allotted: 50 mts

15.05.2019

Max. Marks: 20

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

- This paper consists of three sections A, B & C. All the sections are compulsory.
- Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary. Read these instructions very carefully and follow them.
- Do not exceed the given word limit while answering the questions. Marks will be deducted if the word limit exceeds.

SECTION A (WRITING)

- You are Jacob of 101 Park Road, Hyderabad. You recently bought a laptop from Crown Electronics, Central Market Hyderabad. However, it has begun to malfunction within a week of buying it. Write a letter in **120-150** words to the manager, listing the problems you are facing and asking him to rectify the problems. 8

SECTION B (LITERATURE)

- Read the extracts and answer the questions that follow.**

1x4=4

He stalks in his vivid stripes
The few steps of his cage,
On pads of velvet quiet,
In his quiet rage

- Who is 'He' in the above lines?
- Where is he?
- Where and how is he walking?
- In which mood is he? Why?

OR

On that lovely autumn day, I was accompanied by my daughter Zenani. On the podium, Mr. de Klerk was first sworn in as Second Deputy President. Then Thabo Mbeki was sworn in as First Deputy President. When it was my turn, I pledged to obey and uphold the Constitution and to devote myself to the well-being of its people.

- Who is the speaker of these lines?
- What oath did the speaker take?
- What was Nelson Mandela sworn in as?
- Where did the oath taking ceremony take place?

3. **Answer any two of the following questions in 30-40 words.** 2X2=4
- a) What transformed the life of a frightened young lawyer to become a bold criminal?
 - b) Why did Hari Singh feel bad after stealing the money?
 - c) How does the tiger prepare himself for hunting when he is in his natural habitat — the jungle?

SECTION C (GRAMMAR)

4. **Fill in the following blanks choosing the most appropriate option from the ones given in the brackets** 1x4=4

The peacock is perhaps the most beautiful (a) _____ (between, among, in, of) the male birds, with its long blue neck, fan-shaped crest (b) _____ (and, or, except, along) its gorgeous tail. (c) _____. (most, atleast, each, all) feather ends in a half moon. (d) _____ (if, when, although, whenever) raised, the tail spreads like a fan.

End of the Question Paper